

Fair Tonight and Sunday;
Continued Cold.

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SEVENTEEN SAVED BY BREECHES BUOY IN BITING STORM

Crews of Two Fishing
Schooners Rescued by
Life-Savers.

STORM TOO SEVERE FOR LIFE BOATS

Supposed Falling Stars Prove to
Be Signals of
Distress.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Through gale waves, laden with ice, and cut by sleet beating at their dangling bodies, seventeen men slid along a narrow line from wrecked vessels to safety on the beach at Sandy Hook early today. They formed the crews of two fishing schooners, the Franklin B. Nelson and the Libby, which are now breaking to pieces off the life-saving station.

While heavy driving snow hid everything beyond the line of breakers at Life-Saving Station No. 1 early today a watchman was attracted by what he thought was a falling star several hundred yards off shore. He gave it no thought until a second "star" appeared in the same direction. A third and a fourth "star" appeared. Then he discovered they were rockets from a ship in distress.

Faces Cut by Sleet.

Life boats were brought out to the beach, where great waves were pounding. Sleet carried by a driving wind cut the faces of the life-savers and the gloves, soaked with the spray, froze to the gunwales of the boats. The first boat launched topped a huge breaker, but a second wave hurled it back to the beach. Again and again, futile efforts were made to get the boats through the pounding combers. Finally, the "gun" was brought out.

After several attempts, a line was passed over the bow of the vessel. This was pulled aboard by a driving wind cut the faces of the life-savers and the gloves, soaked with the spray, froze to the gunwales of the boats. The first boat launched topped a huge breaker, but a second wave hurled it back to the beach. Again and again, futile efforts were made to get the boats through the pounding combers. Finally, the "gun" was brought out.

Another Crew Rescued.
A man appeared, dangling in the spray of the waves which flashed around his body, at times hiding him completely. "Once again," he was rushed to the station for warmth and treatment. Again the buoy shot out into the darkness and returned with a man. Six more trips were made, and the last man, who had been in the water for some time, was brought ashore.

Hardly had the eight men been rescued when a second shower of "stars" attracted the patrolman's attention. Again an unavailing effort was made to launch the boats, and again the line and breeches buoy had to be resorted to after several of the life-savers had been almost swept to sea by the receding waves. Nine men were thus saved from the second vessel.

The schooner Nelson, it is expected, will be a total wreck, but the Libby may be saved.

SCHOONER ASHORE OFF CONNECTICUT

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Feb. 12.—A two-masted schooner is ashore on Narragansett Island, off Narragansett. She went ashore during the night, but is flying no signals. The vessel is new and apparently bound for New York.

LINER WRECKED BY HIDDEN ROCKS

PARIS, Feb. 12.—The French Transatlantic Steamship Company officials today said that the wreck of the General Chanzy was not due to the explosion, but that the explosion occurred after the ship struck the rocks. The wreck occurred in what is known as the Lissa Passage, which is one of the most dangerous channels in the Mediterranean. Three years ago the Ville de Rome sank at the same spot, where the water is 100 feet deep. There is no light-house at this point. Blazes and fog, the local office says, were saved mariners. The sea is still so rough that it is impossible to institute a search for bodies.

OPPOSES PARTY LINES.

HAVANA, Feb. 12.—Mora Delgado, president of the senate, today introduced a bill to prevent the formation of political parties on purely racial lines. Delgado is a negro and has been a constant fighter against making the race question a political issue in Cuba.

WEATHER REPORT.

Warmer weather is reported from the middle Atlantic coast. Much lower temperature is reported from the southern States, the Plains States, and the upper Mississippi valley.

The temperature will fall tonight along the Atlantic coast and in Tennessee, the Ohio valley, and the upper Lake region, and it will rise Sunday in the lower Ohio and lower Mississippi valleys.

Frost is indicated for tonight in the south Atlantic and east Gulf States, except southern Florida.

The winds along the middle Atlantic coast will be brisk westerly; on the south Atlantic coast moderate west and northwest.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.

Fair tonight and Sunday; continued cold; minimum temperature tonight about 26 degrees; brisk westerly winds.

TEMPERATURE.

1 p. m. 33
2 p. m. 37

SUN TABLE.

Sun rises 6:51
Sun sets 6:24

TIDE TABLE.

Today—High tide, 9:35 a. m. and 10:18 p. m.; low tide, 4:15 a. m. and 4:30 p. m.
Tomorrow—High tide, 9:43 a. m. and 11:33 p. m.; low tide, 4:47 a. m. and 5:10 p. m.

CONDITION OF THE WATER.

HARPER'S FERRY, W. Va., Feb. 12.—Potomac clear and Shenandoah slightly cloudy this morning.

Ruins of Woodley Inn, Destroyed in Disastrous Fire Early Today



NEW YORK IN GRASP OF ANOTHER STORM

Street Car Lines Tied Up,
But Trains Run on
Schedule.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—For the fourth holiday since Thanksgiving Day, New York finds itself today tied up in a snow storm.

While the railroads report that all trains are running on schedule time, there were great delays on the surface lines, and on the elevated roads. The sleet on the third rail of the "I.V." roads precipitated many flashes of electric sparks, and made many passengers feel uncomfortable.

The Brooklyn bridge cars were tied up today for thirty minutes, when a Gates avenue car jumped the track. The weather man says that more snow is on the way. At a fire early today on 24 Third avenue, thirty tenants were obliged to climb down ice-covered fire-escapes. No one was injured.

RAILROAD TRAFFIC AT A STANDSTILL

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Feb. 12.—With twelve inches of snow on the ground and a terrific storm raging, railroad traffic east and west from this point is almost at a standstill.

Trains are about five hours late and are running without any attention to schedule. The local forecaster predicts more snow today and tomorrow, and a new mark for snow fall will be set up.

RYE BEACH CREW RESCUES SAILORS

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Feb. 12.—Fighting a blinding snowstorm, the life-saving crew of the Rye Beach station, today saved the crew of the W. H. Reed, a Portland, Me., fishing schooner, which went ashore early today at Straw's Point. The Reed was reached only after three hours of search. The vessel is a total wreck. She will be a total wreck.

Reports from the Wallis Sands life-saving station say today's storm along the New Hampshire coast is fully equal in severity to the big blow of a few weeks ago. More wrecks are expected.

STREETS CLEANED BY SNOW SCRAPERS

More than two hundred White Wings set to work this morning to clean crossings of all downtown streets and to remove the snow entirely from the principal thoroughfares.

Working on the Weather Bureau's assurance that the snow was over in this section, the Street Cleaning Department set out to make the clearing up as thorough as the funds on hand would permit.

In addition to the regular force of White Wings and the fifteen carts owned by the department, twenty extra cars were engaged. On Pennsylvania avenue the city's snow scrapers were set to work at an early hour and by noon the mounds which these scrapers had piled up had been cleared entirely away.

The snow storm has spent its force here, and the city's snow scrapers, though it is now raining in the Ohio valley and the fall there will probably reach six feet.

No change of temperature is expected in the Capital until thirty-six hours after the prediction, which the snow will be clear for that period.

SEARCH ORDERED FOR MISSING TUG

Crew of Twenty-eight Unheard
of Since Last
Sunday.

Orders were sent to the navy yards at New York, Philadelphia, Norfolk, and Boston to send vessels in search of the tug Nina which is missing. She left Norfolk last Sunday for Boston and had not been heard from since leaving Chesapeake Bay.

The Nina is a tug of 357 tons displacement and serves as a tender to the third submarine division. She is commanded by Chief Boatswain John E. Crochen and has a crew of twenty-eight men.

CLAIMS HE IS SON OF COL. T. H. SWOPE

War Records Searched for
Proof of West Virgin-
ian's Assertion.

A relative of Elmer Carroll Swope, of Martinsburg, W. Va., who has set up a claim to part of the estate of Col. Thomas H. Swope, on the ground that he is a son of the Kansas City millionaire, whose mysterious death is the subject of a grand jury investigation, arrived in Washington today seeking to confirm the West Virginian's story.

According to the evidence produced by Elmer Swope, his mother, who was Miss Elizabeth Carroll, a descendant of Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Md., was married to Thomas H. Swope in Lambertville, N. J., in 1881. The husband was a Union man and the wife loyal to the South. On this point there was a quarrel, followed by a separation shortly before a son was born, Thomas H. Swope, according to the Martinsburg claimant, joined the Union army and never saw his wife afterward, nor his son.

Elmer Swope further says that he recently received a letter from John C. Henry, of Sligo, Pa., in which the latter declares that he knew Col. Thomas H. Swope in Kansas City and that the dead millionaire admitted to Henry that he had married in the East in 1881, and had a son whom he had never seen.

Elmer Swope, a first lieutenant of the Fifth Pennsylvania Infantry, in response to a telegram sent to Lambertville, in an effort to throw light on the supposed marriage of Thomas H. Swope and Elizabeth Carroll, it was said that a search of the country records between 1885 and 1886 had failed to disclose the names of either person.

A wider opening of the breach between the line and staff officers of the navy today gives promise of being the almost certain outcome of the turn-down given the Hale and Allen bills to make Civil Engineer Robert E. Peary a rear admiral, and place him upon the retired list.

Upon the highest authority, it is ascertained that the staff officers attribute the action of the House subcommittee on naval affairs failing to endorse the bills to the pressure brought upon it by the Navy Department, which, it is alleged, practically was dictated by the line element.

Not only did the department go on record as opposed to Representative Allen's bill, which it was asked by the committee to consider, but it became known today that it is having a statement prepared setting forth how much Peary has cost the Government during the course of his Arctic explorations.

This statement, it is said, was asked for by the opponents of the explorer, who would have contrived to bring it before the House committee or used it in an attempt to humiliate Peary before the public, had it become evident that the explorer was seriously considering making him a rear admiral.

With feeling in the department run higher than when the appointment of Surgeon General Stokes, a staff officer, as commanding officer of the hospital ship Solace, still further widened the breach between line and staff officers, there is grave danger of the department shortly presenting a more pronounced example of the "house divided against itself" than any branch of the Government ever has.

The feeling has reached an acute stage because the opposition to the plan to make Peary a rear admiral did not develop openly until the eleventh hour. Staff officers declare this was the result of tremendous influence brought to bear by members of the line.

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MAY WIDEN BREACH IN NAVAL CIRCLES

Failure of House Committee
to Reward Peary Causes
Criticism.

The spectacle of a son giving forth his heart's blood to prolong, if not to save, the life of his father, was witnessed at a delicate and eminently successful operation performed at Providence Hospital on Thursday afternoon.

For two hours a healthy, flourishing artery in the left forearm of Irven W. Robey, twenty-four years old, a shipping clerk of athletic training and instinct, poured forth its rich red current of life into a similarly situated, but exhausted, artery, in the forearm of his anaemic father, Wilton W. Robey.

The transfusion was a last resort, and meant possibly the sacrifice of one life for another.

The attending surgeons and physicians had announced that unless it was attempted the father could not live five hours. He needed blood. Would his son volunteer to furnish it? He would, and he did.

Father Is Recovering.

Today that same father is on the road to recovery—from a man high fever, he has been resurrected to a flushed, healthy appearing convalescent, who has every chance in the world of recovering his full health, and rehabilitation to all the habits and customs of his old life before stricken.

And, furthermore, the heroic son who sacrificed almost a quart of blood to save his father is walking about the streets of Washington today, apparently, none the worse for the experience. During the operation he manifested every emotion of happy frame of mind, and it was only by dint of emphasized persuasion that he was induced to even sleep in the hospital on Thursday night. Friday morning he

was discharged from the hospital.

While in New York the President will see the Republican State leaders with reference to the political situation in the Empire State. He expects to see Governor Hughes this afternoon, and with him discuss certain phases of the situation that have recently given the leaders considerable alarm. The President will make known his wishes relative to the conduct of the coming State campaign and will seek to bring harmony into the ranks of the various factions of the party.

The President and Mrs. Taft are due to return to Washington tomorrow afternoon.

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NORTON PLANNING LONGER WORKDAY

Treasury Department Em-
ployees May Have Hour
Added to Time.

Treasury Department employees are considerably wrought up today over the plan of Assistant Secretary Norton to add an extra hour to the official working day of that department. While no official order to this effect has yet been issued, it was admitted at the department today that such is contemplated.

The first intimation of the assistant secretary's proposed extension of the working day came yesterday when a canvass was made of the office of the supervising architect and the redemption and money counting divisions to ascertain whether the clerks would prefer to have the extra hour tacked on the beginning or the end of their day.

The suggestion naturally created a furore among the clerks as it was not accompanied by any explanation of reasons. An inquiry, however, disclosed that Mr. Norton and Supervising Architect John Knox Taylor had discussed the proposed plan, although they did not come to any decision as to whether it would be put into operation now or later.

BRIGAND RAISULI DIES OF POISONING

World-Notorious Moroccan
Bandit Supposed Vic-
tim of Plot.

TANGIER, Feb. 12.—Raisuli, the notorious bandit, died today from poisoning, the supposed result of a plot. Raisuli gained world-wide notoriety years ago by kidnapping Perdicaris.

Perdicaris was an American citizen living in Tangier. He and his stepson, Mr. Vorley, were both kidnapped by Raisuli, who held them for a ransom of \$50,000. American and British men-of-war were dispatched to Tangier and the slogan of "Perdicaris Alive or Raisuli Dead" was sounded.

Raisuli offered to release the two men on the payment of \$50,000 by the Sultan and the dismissal of the Governor of Tangier and the release of all of Raisuli's tribesmen, who were then imprisoned.

The Sultan agreed to these terms.

It was about 5:30 o'clock that Mrs. Margaret F. Munday, the widow of an army officer, who conducted the hotel, was awakened by a frightened servant. Going hurriedly to the laundry, in the rear of the building, from which dense smoke was issuing, Mrs. Munday saw at a glance that the inn was in danger. Rushing to her apartment, she dressed hastily and then aroused the guests. Mrs. Munday remained cool, giving first thought to the lives in danger before attempting to save any of her belongings.

The fire had been burning for fully twenty minutes before Mrs. Munday's telephone message to the fire engine company at Tenleytown, nearly a mile away, brought aid. Meantime the fire had spread through the entire building and the two streams of water were ineffective. A second call brought an engine company from Georgetown, but the long distance and the stiff climb up the Wisconsin avenue hill caused delay, making the service of this company of little value.

For a time it was feared that other buildings within a radius of several hundred yards from the fire because the strong wind blowing at the time carried showers of sparks to neighboring roofs. It happened, however, that the sleet and snow which had fallen earlier in the night prevented this.

Valuables Lost.

An investigation after the fire had been put out showed not only a total loss of the building, but the loss of its furnishings, consisting of silver, valuable Turkish rugs, paintings and art objects, as well as the jewelry and clothing of the guests. One guest lost a chest of old family silver, and an-

SLIDES FOR LIFE IN RUINOUS FIRE AT WOODLEY INN

Walter S. Ufford Descends
Safely From Roof in
\$40,000 Blaze.

CATHEDRAL HEIGHTS
HOTEL DESTROYED

Many Narrow Escapes Among
Thirty Guests in Early Morn-
ing Conflagration.

Several fatalities were narrowly averted this morning at a fire which destroyed Woodley Inn, a fashionable small hotel at Cathedral Heights near the National Cathedral School at Mt. St. Alban.

That the thirty or more guests, all well known in Washington, escaped, is due to the promptness with which the alarm for fire was turned in.

Owing to the high wind blowing at the time, the blaze spread with rapidity, and none of the guests had time to save any personal belongings. They were content to flee in scant attire.

CLOTHES DESTROYED.

While the flames swept through the building and the flying sparks, wafted through the air by the strong wind, threatened other dwellings in the neighborhood, the guests stood around in shivering groups, powerless to save even their wardrobes.

The fact that the fire broke out about 3:30 o'clock, and was not discovered until it had gained such headway that the water supply had but little effect in checking it, imperiled the lives of the guests.

Many Narrow Escapes.

In the hurry to escape from the burning hotel there were several narrow escapes.

Secretary Walter S. Ufford, of the District Associated Charities, who occupied a room in that part of the building known as "The Tower," had a thrilling experience. He escaped with his life because he remained cool.

Aroused from a sound sleep by cries of "Fire!" he found his exit by the stairway cut off. Climbing to the roof of the tower, four stories from the ground, he called for assistance. In the excitement no ladder could be found. Meantime the fire had crept dangerously near his position on the roof. It seemed as if his only escape from death lay in jumping.

Slide for His Life.

With the roof ablaze and while the excited guests on the ground shouted encouragement, Mr. Ufford seized the sheets and blankets from his bed. He tore them in strips, and, tying them together to form a rope, he slid, hand over hand, to the ground.

Other guests to narrowly escape were J. S. Garland, assistant superintendent of the District Water Department; Oscar Garcesen, a Washington musician, and Mrs. Leach, widow of Colonel Leach, U. S. A., who died suddenly a few months ago.

Mr. Garland, when aroused by the shouts of excited guests, woke Mrs. Garland and their two children, and they escaped by clambering from the high porch outside their bedrooms to the ground, clad only in such clothing as happened to be near at hand.

When the roll was called and it was found that there were no fatalities, the guests were taken into nearby houses and made comfortable.

FIRE IN LAUNDRY.

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Millionaire Swope's Death Mystery

Paralleled only by those days when Borgias made poisoning a fine art are the tales that Kansas City is telling now in connection with the death of Thomas H. Swope, millionaire philanthropist, a man who wrung his money from the land that he settled away back in the frontier days. He died when he was 82 bequeathing millions to his family and to the city. Read the story of the borrowed typhoid culture. Read the tale of the nurses, a story that is enthralling from beginning to end. Read the romance of Dr. Bennett Clark Hyde, now accused of murder. Read the angest story that has been discovered for years, a sensation of a nation. Gordon Mackay has been in Kansas City in attendance on the inquest, and he will picture the conditions as they exist, exclusively for

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